

Meanwhile the House is sending a message to terrorists that we are disorganized and ineffective in our resolve to protect our nation and its people.

In his letter to Members of Congress, DHS Secretary Johnson states in clear terms what is at stake.

The global terrorist threat has become more decentralized and complex. Terrorist organizations are now openly calling on attacks on Western targets.

A new video, reportedly from Al Shabaab, shows the terror group calling for an attack on Mall of America in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Al Shabaab is the same terrorist group that attacked the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya resulting in 60 deaths.

The arrest this week in New York City highlight the threats posed by independent actors in the homeland who support overseas terrorist organizations and radical ideology.

Last October—three teenage girls who lived in a Denver suburb attempted to depart the country for Syria to join violent extremists, but thanks to the work of our domestic and international security professionals they were intercepted and returned home to the custody of their parents.

Keeping American families safe is the first responsibility of the Congress—but Republicans have decided that appeasing anti-immigrant Tea Party extremists is more important than the protecting our homeland.

The Department of Homeland Security needs support for important federal cybersecurity initiatives, disaster relief and recovery programs, and essential law enforcement activities that are critical for ensuring that DHS can help keep our nation safe from harm.

The recent terrorist attacks in Paris and by Boko Haram in Nigeria give heightened urgency to the words of Appropriations Committee Chairman ROGERS that we need to get a clean Homeland Security spending bill "to the president's desk so we can get a signature funding Homeland Security at a very tedious time in the world."

If the day ends without Congress taking action, the men and women charged with protecting the homeland will be sent a message that the House does not value 170,000 employees who will be required to work without pay.

These employees include members of the Coast Guard, Border Patrol, Secret Service, Transportation Security Administration and others on the front lines of Homeland Security.

An additional 30,000 employees of the Department of Homeland Security will be furloughed and sent home without pay.

Contracting services across the Department, including those for critical mission support activities, will be disrupted or interrupted.

A shutdown will prevent DHS from awarding \$2.5 billion in grants to state, local, and tribal governments for response capabilities to recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies.

A DHS shutdown would hit Texas especially hard.

The local and state negative impact of House inaction is the forgoing of fiscal year 2015 grants that go to first responders.

In 2014, DHS grants awarded to the city of Houston included \$24,000,000 from Urban Area Security Initiative grants and \$299,995 from the nonprofit program.

In 2014, port security grants included: \$1,810,826 for Harris County; \$845,250 for the City of Houston.

Programs intended to aid our fire fighters such as the one at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, which received a \$1,493,340 DHS research grant last year are being hurt by House inaction on fiscal year 2015 funding for the agency.

The majority must stop putting political security before national security and take up a clean bill to fully fund the Department of Homeland Security.

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to register my disbelief that Republicans are continuing to use funding for the Department of Homeland Security as a political football. Every single member of the Democratic Caucus is a cosponsor of a clean, full-year funding bill, a bill that would be sure to pass if House leaders were to allow it to come to the floor. Across the Capitol, the Senate has already passed a clean bill. And yet House Republicans continue to insist that their political priorities take precedence over the operations of an agency vital to our national security.

I am a member of the Committee on Homeland Security. Over the past few weeks, I have heard testimony highlighting the threat that we face from violent extremists, particularly those radicalized in the U.S. I have heard testimony about the pervasiveness of the cyber threat to our nation, particularly to our critical infrastructure. And I have heard how DHS plays a vital role in ensuring we can protect against and respond to these threats.

Trying to implement strategies to protect our homeland security on a three-week time frame is simply absurd. Republicans created this funding crisis by refusing to approve a bipartisan agreement in December, and Republican action today is prolonging it. I hope that the majority will cease their political gamesmanship well before their new deadline and join with Democrats in passing a clean bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 129, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the joint resolution.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of House Joint Resolution 35 is postponed.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 240. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

#### STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 125 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 5.

Will the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. YODER) kindly take the chair.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5) to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the performance of their children's schools, and for other purposes, with Mr. YODER of Kansas (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Thursday, February 26, 2015, a request for a recorded vote on amendment No. 41 printed in part B of House Report 114-29 by the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. POLIS) had been postponed.

The Chair understands that amendment No. 42 will not be offered.

AMENDMENT NO. 43 OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF MISSISSIPPI

The Acting CHAIR (Mrs. BLACK). It is now in order to consider amendment No. 43 printed in part B of House Report 114-29.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 620, after line 8, insert the following: **SEC. 802. DELAY OF EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act or the amendments made by this Act, this Act, and the amendments made by this Act, shall not take effect until the Secretary of Education—

(1) determines that the enactment of this Act, and the amendments made by this Act, will not decrease the college and career readiness of students who are racial or ethnic minority, students with disabilities, English learners, and low-income students; and

(2) provides written notification to Congress on such determination.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 125, the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. THOMPSON) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Chair, the Thompson amendment to the Student Success Act is a commonsense amendment that ensures millions of poor, minority, and disadvantaged students will not be overlooked in the chaos that emanates from this rewrite of our educational policy.

Madam Chair, education is a civil right. Rather than develop quality standards that improve and enhance our system of education, this body has overlooked the harmful effects of H.R. 5 on funding and equal opportunity for millions of our students.

H.R. 5 removes strong accountability provisions required to make sure that children who need the most help will